

12 August 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Director of Personnel

ATTENTION :

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SUBJECT

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Comments on Summer Intern Program

1. I have been favorably impressed by my exposure to the CIA as a summer intern and feel that I have recieved a clear view of what a career here would involve. I began in June with mixed feelings toward working as a civilian in a government office, anticipating a degree of bureaucratic rigidity, administrative restrictions and perhaps a quasi-military chain of command. I found elements of all these characteristics but to a much lesser degree than I had expected. The great security blanket which is sometimes assumed to provide the incentive for careers in government seems to be relatively unnoticed.

2. I was most strongly impressed with the degree of freedom allowed the junior analysts in my office and the responsibility that devolves upon them for written production. This is greatly in contrast to my experience as a junior military officer.

3. I think my particular job was well chosen for me and feel that I have been able to contribute some useful work during the summer. I have become interested in returning to a permanent position at CIA and have applied for the Career Training Program.

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